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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

I, Kouji Takahashi, declare as follows:

1. I am a named inventor on the pending U.S. patent application listed above.
2. My co-inventors in the pending application are (1) Noriaki Sakamoto and (2) Kazuhisa Kusano.
3. The pending application is based on Japanese application 2002-230410, filed on August 7, 2002.
4. I understand that some of the claims in the pending U.S. application, including claims 1, 3 and 7-14, were rejected in view of published U.S. application no. 2002/0133943. That application was filed on December 6, 2001 and is based on Japanese application 2001-083558, filed on March 22, 2001. I understand that U.S. Patent No. 6,706,547 was granted on that application.
5. Published U.S. application no. 2002/1033943 names me and Noriaki Sakamoto as inventors. It also names five other persons (Yoshiyuki Kobayashi; Junji Sakamoto; Yukio Koda; Yusuke Igrashi; Eiju Maehara) as inventors.

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6. The subject matter of the pending claims (including claim 1, 3 and 7-14) was invented by me and my co-inventors named in the pending application. To the extent that published U.S. application no. 2002/1033943 discloses—but does not claim—any of that subject matter, such subject matter originated with me and my co-inventors named in the pending application.

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